

text portion [of a document] and for creating the other than text portion of the document;

- b) encoding means for automatically encoding said representations created with said authoring components into an Internet-compatible email message; and
- c) decoding means for automatically decoding said representations encoded by said encoding means.

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26. An electronic mail client, comprising:

- a) a plurality of authoring and reading components, each authoring component for creating a different kind of email message;
- b) encoding means for automatically encoding email messages created with said authoring components into an Internet-compatible email message with said email message including a message type identifier; and
- c) decoding means for automatically decoding said email messages encoded by said encoding means, wherein
said message type identifier is used to determine which reading component is used to read a decoded email message.